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Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of finishing brightwork on a boat for exterior exposure of the brightwork, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a finishing film material in the form of a sheet, said finishing material comprising:

(i) a flexible polymeric sheet material comprising an aliphatic polyurethane, said sheet having a percent elongation of about 60% or greater, and said sheet further having a first major surface and a second major surface;

(ii) a pressure sensitive adhesive layer covering at least a portion of the first major surface of the sheet material;

(b) providing a wood substrate having a surface, wherein the wood substrate comprises the brightwork on a boat; and

(c) adhering the adhesive layer of the finishing film material to the surface of the wood substrate by placing the adhesive layer of the finishing film in contact with the surface of the wood substrate comprising the brightwork, for the exterior exposure of the brightwork.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the wood substrate is selected from the group consisting of teak and mahogany.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The method of claim ¹ ~~4~~, wherein the polymeric sheet material has a thickness ranging from about 3 to 18 mils.

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6. (Original) The method of claim ¹ A, wherein the polymeric sheet material has a thickness ranging from about 5 to 12 mils.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymeric sheet material comprises an ultraviolet absorber.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is an acrylic adhesive.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer has a thickness ranging from about 0.5 to 10 mils.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer has a thickness ranging from about 1 to 5 mils.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the brightwork comprises a result of coating the surface of the wood substrate with a liquid coating composition comprising a polymer or polymer precursor dispersed or dissolved in a liquid.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the liquid coating composition comprises an aliphatic polyurethane polymer dispersed or dissolved in a solvent.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including the step of:
wetting the surface of the wood substrate with a wetting solution prior to adhering the adhesive.
14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is repositionable.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the adhesive layer has a microstructured surface.
16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the adhesive layer includes a water-soluble detachifying overcoat.

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17. (Currently Amended) A method of finishing a ~~wood surface~~ brightwork on a boat for exterior exposure of the ~~wood~~ brightwork, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a finishing film material in the form of a sheet, said finishing material comprising:

(i) a flexible aliphatic polyurethane sheet material having a first major surface and a second major surface said sheet having a percent elongation of about 60% or greater;

(ii) an acrylic pressure sensitive adhesive layer covering at least a portion of the first major surface of the sheet material;

(b) providing a wood substrate wherein the wood substrate comprises the brightwork on a boat, said wood substrate having a surface;

(c) coating the surface of the wood substrate with a liquid varnish to form a coated surface;

(d) wetting the coated surface of the wood substrate with a wetting solution; and

(e) adhering the adhesive layer of the finishing film material to the coated surface of the wood substrate by placing the adhesive layer of the finishing film in contact with the coated surface of the wood substrate comprising the brightwork, for the exterior exposure of the brightwork.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising applying pressure and/or heat to at least a portion of the finishing film after placing the adhesive layer of the finishing film in contact with the coated surface of the wood substrate.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the polymeric sheet material has a thickness ranging from about 3 to 18 mils.

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21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the polymeric sheet material has a thickness ranging from about 5 to 12 mils.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the polymeric sheet material comprises an ultraviolet absorber.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the adhesive layer has a thickness ranging from about 0.5 to 10 mils.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the adhesive layer has a thickness ranging from about 1 to 5 mils.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the liquid varnish comprises a polyurethane polymer dispersed or dissolved in a solvent.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the adhesive layer is repositionable.
27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the adhesive layer has a microstructured surface.
28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the adhesive layer includes a water-soluble detackifying overcoat.
29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of coating the surface of the wood substrate comprises multiple applications of the liquid varnish.
30. (Cancelled)
31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the coated surface is dried prior to the step of wetting the coated surface.
32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the brightwork is dried prior to the step of adhering.

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33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising applying pressure and/or heat to at least a portion of the finishing film after placing the adhesive layer of the finishing film in contact with the surface of the wood substrate.

34. (Currently Amended) A method of finishing ~~a wood surface~~ brightwork on a boat for exterior exposure of the ~~wood~~ brightwork, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a finishing film material in the form of a sheet, said finishing material comprising;

(i) a flexible aliphatic polyurethane sheet material having a first major surface and a second major surface, said sheet having a percent elongation of about 60% or greater;

(ii) an acrylic pressure sensitive adhesive layer covering at least a portion of the first major surface of the sheet material;

(b) providing a wood substrate wherein the wood substrate comprises the brightwork on a boat, said wood substrate having a surface;

(c) coating the surface of the wood substrate with an oil or sealer that leaves the natural grain of the wood exposed to form a coated surface;

(d) wetting the coated surface of the wood substrate with a wetting solution; and

(e) adhering the adhesive layer of the finishing film material to the coated surface of the wood substrate by placing the adhesive layer of the finishing film in contact with the coated surface of the wood substrate comprising the brightwork, for the exterior exposure of the brightwork.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the coated surface is dried prior to the step of wetting the coated surface.

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36. (Currently Amdned) A method of finishing ~~a wood surface~~ brightwork on a boat for exterior exposure of the ~~wood~~ brightwork, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a finishing film material in the form of a sheet, said finishing material comprising:

(i) a flexible aliphatic polyurethane sheet material having a first major surface and a second major surface, said sheet having a percent elongation of about 60% or greater;

(ii) an acrylic pressure sensitive adhesive layer covering at least a portion of the first major surface of the sheet material;

(b) providing a wood substrate wherein the wood substrate comprises the brightwork on a boat, said wood substrate having a surface;

(c) coating the surface of the wood substrate with a liquid varnish to form a coated surface; and

(d) adhering the adhesive layer of the finishing film material to the coated surface of the wood substrate by placing the adhesive layer of the finishing film in contact with the coated surface of the wood substrate comprising the brightwork, for the exterior exposure of the brightwork.

37. (Previously Presented) The method claim 36, wherein the liquid varnish is dried prior to the step of adhering.